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1. The Communists have indicated a desire to decrease the wages of government employees, such as those working for customs or the power company. However, educated employees have argued against such a move and have won out thus far.
2. Many Communist employees who have recently entered Tsingtao are bitterly complaining of the better wages and food that former Kuomintang employees continue to receive, and desire similar treatment.
3. Political meetings for workers continue daily. Customs employees, for example, must attend an hour meeting every morning. During the past several weeks, the discussion has centered around the writings of Marx, Lenin and MAO Tse-tung.
4. Educated workers have most often successfully refuted arguments advanced by political workers who, in turn, have been known to state in disgust that such people were too educated for Communism.
5. In general, political training at present is being given wage earners rather than white collar class employees.
6. For the first several weeks, Communist troops and political workers refused to take drink, food, or cigarettes from the local populace, and troops and guards on streets were prohibited to smoke. This situation has changed completely.

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